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"Mrs. Maryland" Adrienne Watson Carver Headlines a Tribute to Women's History Month at the Baltimore City Women's Detention Center

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TOWSON, MD (March 27, 2007)---Dancer, model, business owner, and youth mentor Adrienne Watson Carver, "Mrs. Maryland 2006," will be among the participants in this Thursday's tribute to Women's History Month at the Baltimore City Women's Detention Center.

The program, entitled "Without Storms, There Can Be No Rainbows," will also feature motivational talks from women's health advocates and proponents of positive programs for incarcerated women, as well as song and dance, some of it performed by detainees themselves.

Ms. Watson Carver, a former Baltimore County teacher and national director of the NAACP Stay-in-School Program, is the owner of Studio A Modeling, Etiquette, and Dance Academy. The mother of three, crowned *Mrs. Maryland United States 2006*, is an accomplished dancer and speaker.

The Baltimore City Women's Detention Center (WDC), currently houses 517 women, most of them detainees who are awaiting trial (a few are sentenced within the Division of Correction). The WDC is part of the Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, which in turn is under the auspices of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS). DPSCS is the only public safety agency in the nation responsible for both the state prison system (DOC) and a large city's jails and booking center. WDC is located on Eager Street between the Fallsway and Greenmount Avenue.

Media interested in covering the program must contact Barbara Cooper at the number above.

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